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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO, ELAB, JA
SUBJECT: U.S. AND THE ILO

1. MY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND OTHER JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT A DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO WOULD NOT BE IN OUR BEST INTERESTS. THE JAPANESE HAVE POINTED OUT, IT SEEMS TO ME CORRECTLY, THAT IF THE U.S. PULLS OUT AT THIS TIME, THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS IN BRINGING THE ILO BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NAUGHT. WE ALSO HAVE HEARD MANY EXPRESSIONS OF DISMAY ABOUT THE PRECEDENT WHICH U.S. WITHDRAWAL WOULD SET FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2. THE JAPANESE ARE CONVINCED THAT NO OTHER NATION CAN SUBSTITUTE FOR THE UNITED STATES IN PROVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE ILO. MOREOVER, IT IS AN AXIOM OF OUR PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST STRENGTHEN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES. IT IS MY STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION, THEREFORE, THAT WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO
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WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT THIS POLICY IN AN IMPORTANT ARENA OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK, WITH WHOM I DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE DURING HIS TOKYO STOPOVER, ALSO FEELS STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD REMAIN IN THE ILO AND ASKED TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THIS MESSAGE.
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